Now They Look Bowlening in Low-Priced Pabrics - Bresses fer All-Paris Modes-

"Even the dry goods merchants ac-knowledge that the laudable design to look well at all times can be gratified to the fullest extent this summer, no

matter how slender the purse," so says the Philadelphia News. Printed lawns that look like linen, because, though sheer, the fabric is not very fine, while the threads are round and strong, are selling in many houses at three cents per yard. Prints are correspondingly low priced, while organdies and mulls can be bought at figures from ten to thirty cents, and ens at eight to twelve cents per yard. Any of these midsumm r stuffs ade up in the favorite "housemaid's now make a love of a gown for any woman, but especially one who, with household motions, light and free, lives within the her lips the golden calm of summer charity. Attired in any of the many gauzy wash-goods fabrics that are now entiful, or in cool, fresh prints, the so plential, or in cool, fresh prints, the languers of the melting months of July and August and the tortures of the heated term lose half their force and power. No lace or embroidery should be put on these tabrics when the frock is intended for domestic indoor wear. They look better the e no appearance of scarcity of ma-erial. Let the skirts, though plain, he full: the sleeves loose en roll up under the elbow, but long enough to cover the wrist when down; the neck high, and finished with a high turn-over collar of the same material.

The Mother Hubbard loose gown is an excellent pattern for such dresses.

Muslin and lace go to make up hotweather bats. large poke bonnets for shade head-dresses are more frequent in the rough satin and the rough-andready braids than in the more delicate that as well as these, enter into the shade hats. They are in white, black, and all the solid and the mixed colors of the spring and summer straw manufactures, and are quite as popular for the country and the sea-side as the hats. They are similarly trimmed; velvet is generally used for facing those in black and the darker and mixed colors, and shirred mull or lace faces those in white and the pale colors. There is not much that is now to be told of either dres hats or dress bonnets at this period of seem to have seen their day, and the more conservative shapes prevail. The close hats with the tapering crown and slightly projecting turn-up brim are varied by shapes with the same crown or a similar crown, and the pointed poke, indented brim, curling back in

tention. Some of them have wide, flat brims in front, rounding off and getting narrower toward the back, where e brim hardly exists at all. Others have the flat brim equally wide all the way around, but turned up against the crown at the back : others again have the brim set obliquely or turned up on one side only. The flat brims are geneven if she does not adopt the new

Gainsborough hats of immense size, trimmed with large bouquets of anything (wild flowers for choice), and tied all the rage in Paris for the country or sea-side. The more dishevelled the effect the better the hat is liked.

Very pretty dresses are prepared for garden parties and out-of-door fetes. One of the most tasteful models of the kind is a dress for a young lady. It is of white voile-de-missine. skirt is put on very full and trimmed with two wide lapels of embroidered etamine. The tunic forms a tablier and is draped so as to form a large square lapel, also trimmed with etamine; bodice of etamine, the fronts open over a small plastron of etamine, and come down below the waist in a deep peak. The back is made tailoron, without any trimming. The sleeve, short to the elbow, is trimmed

with a small facing of etamine Silk hose, in pale creams, blues, pinks, and in black are to be worn with slippers and low-cut shoes this

The Oxford shoes are extremely artistic. Many of them are beaded with steel and gilt beads worked on the leather. Instead of ordinary lacers they are laced up with ribbons with tags at the ends.

Yellow and white and sea-green and white are favorite combinations of color in Persian dresses sent over for elegant wear at summer resorts. In one instance is shown a toilet with a skirt of rich white lace with panels of white moire worn under a trained princess dress of pale chartreuse green brocaded satin which opens in front from the edge of the bodice downward petticoat. The edges of the satin front are turned back with Spanish blonde, and at the point where the bodice ceases on either side is arranged a most graceful spray of yellow and white honeysuckle blossoms and pale green leaves. The bodice is made high at

COMBINATION COSTUMES. Etamine and cotton fabrics stamped

with gold are novelties. Twine color and green continue to be

The combination of dark-blue serge jacket and petticoat, trimmed with bright-red braid, with a skirt and plaston of etamine, printed in a blue-andred pattern over a pale-buff ground, is one which obtains great success for the beach. A wide sash of poppy-red su-rah or soft-twilled cashmere is folded round the waist and tied in a very large

bow and drooping loops at the side. There never was a time at which half-silk gowns could be made to look as well as at present. The fashion of combining wool, canvas, velvet, or lace with silk affords great scope for the ingenuity of the economical.

A new bodice of the shade of the skirt in combination with some other tint, with draperies of the pretty cot-ton or yak laces now worn, and with loops or knots of ribbon the color of the skirt and the costume, will pass

A pongee that is good but old-fashioned, and no longer fits well, may be remodelled with a new vest, collar, cuffs, panels, and foot-plaiting of velvet ventilation is defective.

or sursh. The pretty jackets and broad zashes now so much worn will do much toward beautifying a costume that is passe.

foundations of chartre se, amber, orange, pink, and blue. PARISIAN MODES Parisian dresses of striped material

have the back draperies arranged so that half the stripes are horizontal and half perpendicular. Crinoline and steel have been abandoned by Paris dressmakers. Satin double improvers stuffed with horse-

fulness to the dress. Draperies for household decorations are in great variety. A mantel valance with Amaryllis embroidered upon it is very effective, and a table scarf, with bands of Watteux tapestry, is espe-cially suitable for a dainty boudoir.

Bouquets of flowers worn at the belt increase in size. A petite young woreaching nearly to her chin and uprising from a mass of pink roses. She looked really like " Jack in the green."

Large bunches of flowers-laburlilac. roses, forget-me-nots, or pansies-are fastened on the foundation skirts of thin dresses and are covered by the muslin. Bonnets worn with these dresses are formed of the same Bowers, quite veiled by lace.

PASHIONABLE ODDS AND END. Old-time balzarine has been revived this year for dresses. It is in large checks, resembles "lace bunting," and is very durable.

Buff lawns have been revived this season, trimmed with white, and white and buff embroidery, and are very clean and dainty-looking.

Even the high-priced silk gloves this season have a way of giving out very quickly at the finger tips so completedered an impossibility. The rest of the glove is left "as good as new." The best way to deal with them is to cut off the finger portions entirely and half of the thumb. Hem the edges left "raw," and you have a pair of silk mitts which will last the summer

dresses of surah, satin sublime, and the like, show a skirt laid in tucks, with insertions of lace let in, with bodice and drapery of lace to correspond. These are adopted for bridesmaids' wear, and the gloves, sash, ribbons, silk stockings, and fan match with the color of the flowers chosen by each.

cle—is now being used by fastidious leaders of fashion as the lace par excellence for dress and lingerie garniture.

For warm weather Oxford ties made of patent leather will be fashionable. There are brown Russian shoes of

leather in its natural tint, and lawn-

tennis shoes with perforated soles. "A very pretty gown seen the other day was of mignonette green faille, re-lieved with pale, prawn-pink velvet. I erally combined with high crowns. One in front that absurdly aped the mascu- in the brain which they dissect, and style has the brim bent down at the side, gypsy fashion. Looking at a woman front face when she has one of these hats on hardly any hair is visible, whenever the wearer moved. The bon- ful and invaluable, but they utterly nemode of no fringe.

of mignonette blossoms mixed among the tea roses. It was so much prettier and more becoming than the endless stance. That the soul survives the a white canvas dress, worn over a gold and silver that one sees this sea- body, and that it is happy or miserable.

> FANS AND SUNSHADES. It is a consequential part of the sea-

The Ning-po fans of braided straw

are large and beautifully finished. The prettiest sunshades this summer

are made of canvas over colored silk or Feather fans are popular this season,

and are particularly attractive with a dressy toilet. The parasol remains an article of

artistic as well as utilitarian value at the summer resorts. Ostrich-feather fans are used all summer by elderly women, and the round

handle, on which is tied a cord with tassel, are chosen in preference to those decorated with the sunflowers and ribbon bows seen last year.

feather fans are not discarded by young

The Canton fans have one side of powdered gilt paper and the other of silver, while the sticks are very slender

and of fine mottled wood. The gold fans of paper are handsome, with sticks of red lacquered wood or else with ebonized sticks. Some of these have flower decorations and others have Chinese figures upon

them. Gauze fans decorated with painted landscapes and mounted on pearl or ebony sticks are the dress-fans for day and general use, lace fans being re-served for evening and full-dress toil-

ettes. fans that imitate those of finer gauze, while for church and for travelling are pocket-fans made with sticks that double and are thus shortened for carrying in the pocket. Some of these are covered with plain satin, or satin and paper, and some are decorated with flower-painting, flights of birds and mottoes. They are mounted on the back, with a Medici collar, the sides | walnut sticks or on fragrant violet-

The exact knowledge of the combustion heat of coal-gas has enabled Witz to determine the temperatures and the theoretic explosive pressures of deto-nating mixtures formed with this gas. The mixtures were taken at 0. centigrade and at the atmospheric pressure.

A mixture of 1 volume of gas and 6 volumes of air gave a temperature of 2.064 degrees, and a pressure of 8.6 atmospheres. A mixture of 1 volume of gas with 10 volumes of air gave a temperature of 1.514 degrees, and a pressure of 6.5 atmospheres. These figures are lower than those hitherto admitted

for such detonating mixtures. Several cases of poisoning by the fumes of nitric acids have occurred of late at Bonne and Halle, and have excited considerable interest. In one instance a girl who was carrying along the street a metal vessel of nitric acid inhaled the vapor, and died of asphyxia twelve hours afterward. In another instance a young chemist who had been working for some hours with fuming nitric acid was gradually poisoned, and his recovery was very tedious. In view of such accidents,

STAND UP STRAIGHT.

FATHER'S LETTER OF ADVICE Cream and white lace . re worn over Gentleman, and You Will Look and Act Like One-Words of Wisdom to an Ab-

The death of Edward Pierrepont secretary of the American legation at Rome, has resulted in the publication of the following letter of advice, written him while at college by his father, Hon. Edwards Pierrepont, late Minis ter to England : No. 103 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW

YORK .- My Dear Son, -I would glad

ly save you from much annoyance and bair are all that are required to give om many sorrows by giving you the benefit of my own experience. I have been through the preparatory schools and university, and know all their trials and their temptations. I also know how prone boys are to think that the times have changed since their fathers were young, and that the true rules for the conduct of life have ceased to be the same. My son, as you grow older you will find that from the time of Solomon to this hour human nature has not changed at all, and tha the guide to a prosperous and happy life is precisely the same as it was when that wise man wrote. The boy who i fortunate enough to have a father whose experience is large and varied, and who communicates it with no possible motive but the best good of his child, has great advantage if he will heed what is told him, but will suffer all the more deeply in the end if he comes to see that the care and the earnest warn

> disregarded. Banish forever from your mind that folly which young men so very stupidly cherish, that "the world and the ways of the world are essentially different now from what they were forty years ago," and settle forever in your mind certain principles which you are never to doubt, and never to swerve from in

ing and the faithful counsel have been

your course of life.

First. That there is a great first cause which rules the world-a something which we can but dimly comprehend, because it is too vast for finite minds. It is the infinite. It is God. It is fruitless to try "to find out God." He is "our Father in Heaven"; this is all that the simple child can know; it is all that the most learned man can ever know. That this Great Creator is just and merciful, and rules by equal laws, we have every reason to believe, and that it is one o the Creator's laws that our lives may be influenced by earnest prayer for guidance in the right way there is no doubt.

I do not mean that to pray for specific things, such as riches and honors. will bring riches and honors as a mat ter of course, but that honest and earnest prayer to our Father in Heaven for guidance in the way that is for our best ood is sure to bring strength and enlightenment to the mind, and thus to aid us in the affairs of life.

Every day ask your Heavenly Father o guide you in all things in the way which is right, and you will not go wrong.

Most of the scientific men of our time devote themselves to the study of the laws of matter, and they seem t cannot exactly describe its details, but forget that man, even while on earth, I know that there was a pink velvet has a spiritual as well as a material collar and small revers of the same tint | nature. They find nothing but matter net was all pink, save for its trimming glect the study of spiritual laws, which poppy-red skirt, the bodice made with son. The sunshade was like the bon-a red waisteent and a sailor collar, the net, pink outside and green within, re-body," never allow yourself to doubt, white sailor hat, wreathed with poppies, versing the order of colors in the If skeptics wish to talk to you about it. jects never do any good; you might as well argue that you love your mother. Practice what I suggest, and you will know from conscious experience that what I tell you is true, and you will be made much happier and serener day by day, and far more prosperous in this world. When in the family of the Rev. Mr. Seymour, at Holme, Pierrepont, you saw how cheerful and serenev happy they all were under the influ-

ence of a religious life. Second. That truth, unfaltering integrity, justice, and honor are never to be departed from under any circum-

stances. Lies come from meanness, low vanity cowardice, and of a depraved nature, and they always fail of their object and bring the liar into contempt. Without strict integrity, justice, and honor no one can have continued success in any thing, or lasting respect from anybody Every one is found out sooner or later and much sooner than he supposes. Indeed, your true character is sure to be known, and sure to be justly appreciated.

I pray you, my son, never trouble yourself about popularity. Do right, the best you can; deserve respect, and you will be certain to have it.

If you see a fellow-student who is always manly, honorable, brave, and just, and who devotes himself to the duties before him every day, who re sists temptations to pleasures which in-terfere with his health, and hence with his success, you cannot help admiring and respecting him; and so it is with the most jaded idler at Christ church. Oxford has never graduated a man who was an indolent failure at the college who ever became an eminent succes

afterward, and she never will. Attend to the duties and obey the laws of the university. It sometimes enters the shallow heads of young men that it is clever and spirited to transgress the rules. It is supremely silly. It requires neither brains nor courage to break the laws, and comes of a desire to get cheap notoriety through idiot always fails in the end. Thieves and burglars break laws; true men

keep them; they are made for good. The great secret of making the labors of university life or of other life easy is to do each duty every day. If you let burden of arrears accumulate it will discourage you. If you have five things to do each day they are easily done, but if you put them off with the idea that you can do fifty on the tenth day, you

will surely fail. Mind not what others do : they ma be able to waste more time than you can afford; more likely, however, that they will fail. Many in Christ's church do not expect to make any figure in the world, and have no ambition but to pass through; and

many affect to despise the dilligent.

If you have not a determined pur pose to take a stand as a scholar and to lead an earnest, manly life after you leave Oxford, then leave it now and save me the mortification and expense. and yourself the repreach and scorn which your countrymen bestow upon wasted opportunities. Do well, and there is nothing in my power which I would not do to advance you. Be a failure, through your own indolence, weak-ness, and indulgence, and though you are my only son, I should feel that I

had one too many.

Success comes not of spasmodic effort, but of continued every-day work.

Read the fable of the hare and the

tortoise and profit by its teachings, and Cabinet Minister or a Lord Chancello remember that success, with honer, is one of the highest pleasures of life. I have many fears lest in companionship with so many young men of easy for-tune, and no ambition beyond that of the easy life of an English gentleman. you lose the sturdy purpose which should animate you daily. Remember that America is not England. No one born to titled greatness here, or to any other greatness here; he who gets it must achieve it, and he who cannot achieve it in some form is of class, and I trust that we may never

have. An idle life is a worthless and unhappy life. Never go to balls or parties in term time, and avoid late wines and suppers at all times; they always injure health, and without health life has

scarce a pleasure. From his birth Samson drank neither wine nor strong drink, and those who are trained for the ring imitate his example. During our late war it was conclusively proved that those who drank water only escaped disease and endured fatigue far beyond the others.

I cannot too strongly urge upon you the importance of early retiring to rest. Investigations into the causes of longevity have shown that early. sleep and early rising are among the chiefest rea-sons of long life, and science has revealed the fact that the magnetic rays of the sun are widely different in the morning from those of the declining day. As the sun goes down, most of the beasts and birds seek their place of rest, many of the flowers and plants and trees fold their leaves, and the large sun-flower, which looks towards the sinking sun in the west, is turned to greet him in the morning toward the east. As he approaches to usher in the day all nature, from bird to flower, seems animated with inrigorated life. Then the mind of him who has had refreshing sleep awakes with its best thoughts, its wisest plans, its largest capabilities. But this can come only to him who has spent the midnight hours in sleep. Sleep restores the nervous forces of the exhausted brain, and the best constitution will soon be shattered, and the best mind will become unstrung if sleep is neglected. It was justly called -

"Sore labor's bath, Palm of hurt minds, great nature's second Chief nourisher at life's feast."

3. That economy is a virtue and that extravagance is a vice never forget. You never see a man of forty who regretted his economy; you will see plenty who mourn their early extravagance. Lavish expenditure never wins respect. It may win temporary flatterers, who despise the fool they flatter. Pay every debt you owe, but

Neither a borrower nor a lender be. For loan oft loses both itself and friend. Let not your vanity ever tempt you to spend money. English young men are awake; they laugh at the foolish Americans who are so lavish. Remember that your hope, your pride, your life, is to be in America, a country whose future is unimagined and whose greatness and power will surpass any empire in the world. You are to be a part of it, and if you do not one day act as ambassador from the greatest re public that has ever been to the most powerful and advanced kingdom in Europe, you will fail of your possibili-

ties and of my hopes. Do not listen to the twaddle about in decay, but in the full vigor of robust Great nations do not commence their fall until their morals are corrupted. As yet England has a sturdy moral sense, courage, and capacity for self-elevation of her youth, and she believes in God and truth and jusnesses. She is not moving forward bolder, more rash, and fearless America; her civilization is in advance of ours, but she has inherited many prejudices coming down from old centuries which retard her progress and from which we are free.

I would deprive you of no innocent pleasures; that is not pleasure which njures the health, jades the mind, and makes you feel meanly and weak and unequal to the labor which is to fit you

for manly life.
Study well whatever the college course requires, and never say that this or that will be of no use. All is of use which disciplines and strengthens the mind. When training for a boxer you strike the sand-bag, you would not tell the trainer that you do not expect to fight sand-bags in life, and hence you will not strike them now. You lift weights to strengthen your hands; you do dry work to strengthen the head! and remember that you must do it; no one else can do it for you; as well might vou get some one else to strike the sand-bag or lift the weight which was to strengthen your muscle.

Duties well done every day, and difficulties surmounted as they arise, grow easier continually, and finally become

lasting enjoyments.

Never play cards for money. It is no pleasure to win a fellow-student's money, and it is pain to lose your own. The habit is always bad, and oftentimes fatal ; never acquire it.

Dress like a gentleman ; never be pe culiar or flashy, but dress as becomes you, not as becomes some one else. Never talk about your expenses or your money, and never be ashamed to live with economy; on the contrary, be Your business now is to acquire knowledge, and you need not be anxious to display yours, especially to older men; but always try to learn

Never say to another what it would be unpleasant to have him say to you. Remember that good manners are of great importance. Manners should be frank and easy, with dignity.

Avoid fawning, toadying ways as you would the foul fiend. Never fawn a prince or swagger to a peasant. Be courteous and manly everywhere and to everybody.

Let your manner be quiet; nothing

s more underbred than a flurried address, with a face wrinkled all over with grinning delight. The countenance can express pleasure and welcome without idiotic contortions, and when these appear, whe-

ther in the son of a dake or a drayman, they are intensely vulgar. You cannot have good manners in the drawing-room if your habitual manner is bad; the habit will betray you; let

the habit be always good. Far better that you look frigid, even, than that you degrade your countenance with silly hilarity.

Be a gentleman, feel like a gentle-

man, and you will look and act like Sometimes you will be neglected, and your vanity may feel wounded. Never let this annoy you; be absolutely sure that in due time all will come right, and that you will have all the consideration which you merit. No one can do you any permanent injury but yourself. The world is so constituted that it is not in men's power to with-held respect from lofty character, real

ability, and good conduct.

You may be invited to a ball or a dinner because you dance or tell a good story; but no one since the time of a gun, some ammunition, and a few Queen Elizabeth has been made a ounces of bread and meat.

The years of youth are short, and the pleasures of youth perish in manly life. Reputation, power, and the cou-sideration which comes of ability, attainments, and good character are what the man from thirty to seventy covets. Nothing but the well-spent years of early life can secure them. I would keep you from no enjoy-

ments suited to your age which are not injurious to your real happiness and your future success. You have health and a good constitution, and you have no inherited tenden-

cies to any vice. It is easy for you to do right, and it will be unpardonable if you go astray.

I rejoice to find that profanity is considered vulgar in England. It is vulgar everywhere. During the two years that I resided in England I never heard a

profane word from a gentleman. Among the young men slang seemed to be abundant. I hope that it does not prevail at the university. Remember that when you are twenty five you will desire what others value at that age, and so at every future stage of life. I mean what the higher

order of men value. Live each year in the way which will best fit you for the next year, and thus you will lead a happy life—a life which will secure to you the happier life to

You start with every advantage, but forget not that yours are advantages suited to America, not suited to Eng land. No one has superior rank higher social position than you in America. In England their ancient system of primogeniture and title gives precedence and outward respect, in a large degree, irrespective of merit. It is not so with us, and I am very glad. Quarrel not at all with their system; they seem to like it. But never covet it, and never commit the silly snobbery of pretending to prefer it to the system of your own country.

The social life of England is very

charming, and their plan of leaving all land to the eldest son has built up vast estates, adorned and dignified with castles and halls filled with art and luxury and refined taste; but all this is at the sacrifice of many human rights which we value.

Nothing like this is possible in America, and it will not always last in England.

The substratum of the English character is solid, honest, truthful, and, in the main, just. Our best traits are a heritage from that race, but I feel quite sure that, with all our faults, we are rapidly improving upon our English sires, and that we shall become quite the superior people as a whole.

Feel always a manly pride that you are an American, and that your future

There is not, in all historic time, grander record than that of the United States. Before the nation was a hundred years old a great civil war broke out, and the North alone had at one time more than a million of armed men in the field, and the South had vast armies also. After four years of terrible war, more than 1,200,000 soldiers were disbanded almost in a day. They returned to the peaceful industries of civil life without a murmur, without disorder, and without crime. der our system of government they had learned to govern them-selves. Even in the madness of the conflict, when the President was the decadence of England, who is not assassinated, the Government moved on without even a ripple of disturbance. debt was created, and the paper money was in such discredit that one gold dol lar would buy two dollars and seventy cents of the paper. But as soon as the war ended we went bravely to work. tice. She has many faults and weak- paid off one third of our vast debt, and now a paper dollar will buy a gold dolwith the colossal power of this younger, | lar in any part of the country, and our national credit is of the highest grade. We have finished more than 75,000 miles of railway, revived our indus-

> come is greater than that of any nation I have a letter from the dean to-day, in which he says: "Your son's im-provement has really astonished me." Continue to astonish the dean and de

tries, increased in population, and our prosperity is such that our annual in-

light me.
This shows that you have the ability, and that there will be no excuse and no pardon if you are not faithful in the

From time to time I shall hear from the dean, and also from your tutor, and they will tell me all and only the truth. They will reveal your shortcomings, if you have them, as well as your merits. You accept too many invitations from your fellow-students. This will weaken your energies and prevent your success; besides, you will become a bore, which avoid as you would "the

plague." Short visits do not bore. When we last met you did not carry yourself erect. You seemed to think that you were awkwardly tall, and you tried to look shorter. This is a mis take. You are nineteen years old and scarce more than six feet high; that is not too tall; but if you grow to any height, carry yourself erect.

When you have done the duties of the day, and done them well, take your pleasure, which will be all the more keen; and when you have well finished the labors of the term you will enjoy the vacation a thousand times the more by reason of your successful toil. I do not need, in this letter, to re-

peat the warnings against those petty vices, temptations, and follies of which I have so often spoken. I will print this because I wish you

to read it more than once. God bless and keep and guide my

Your ever devoted FATHER.

The mosquito crop in Florida is said to be smaller than usual this year. owing to the discovery of a St. John hotel-keeper, who tried the experiment of throwing oil into ponds and stagnant bits of water. He found that it prevented the insects from hatching, and his plan is coming into general use in

Assab, a very small town on a bay at the southern extremity of the Red sea, is said to be the hottest place in the world. Aden, a hundred miles further east, has a terrible reputation for heat, but Assab is said to be hotter by some three degrees. For four consecutive months thermometer readings at 9 A. M. have averaged over 90 degrees, and during the whole time rarely fell below 88 degrees.

One of the western papers has been trying to explain the poor success of the regular troops in pursuing Indians by showing that each soldier has to carry a blanket, overcoat, two canteens. lariat, picket-pin, side lines, nose-bag, curry-comb and brush, sometimes four to six days' rations, a pannikin, tin cup, and numerous other little traps that are of no use, but always in the way; then the gun and field-belt, with fifty rounds of cartridges, with 100 more in the saddle-pockets; then the pistol and belt, with twenty-four pistolcartridges. Lee's mea, during the re-bellion, carried nothing but a blanket,

THE VIRGINIA BENCH.

ANECDOTES AND EPISODES

ome Anecdotes of Judge Moneure-Exam ining an Applicant-Why He Travelled it

Some time since we expressed a de- portation, he explained that he had insire to collect and preserve in the pages of the Journal some of the many anecdotes and episodes which have long been current in the profession in this State, illustrative of the salient features who had laid therein a nest full of eggs in the character of the late distinguished head of the Virginia Supreme Court And, he said, "I thought I wouldn't of Appeals. We then ventured the opinion that there were many such, as carriage and I would use the ox-cart." rich as anything of the kind history of the profession, which well as his tender devotion for one who ought not to be lost for want shared and sweetened every labor and of a chronicler; and that to secure and fix them in some appropriate and permanent form would atribute to the pleasure of many who knew and love him, and perhaps serve the profession in a larger sense. that time many of them have come to us from his old friends and associates. who share in our desire to see them preserved, and from among them we nave selected the following, which we now lay before the readers of the Jour- at Wytheville, in a certain spot, which nal, trusting that they may at least he described with accuracy. serve to pass a leisure hour during the | ning her consent to this, he proceeded

ummer vacation. No mention of Judge Moncure which | she would experience in taking his body has reference to his characteristics as a home for burial-the change of cars, magistrate and a man could be made the delay on the trains, that did not recall the late Judge Ould's splendid memorial of him, which will undertake it. But failing after much be remembered as the last, and, in some persuasion to secure her promise, he respects, perhaps, the greatest, achieve ment of that bright intellect. No purer gem ever had richer setting than the Mary, if you won't bury me here I won't die here; you pack our trunks and we will go home to-morrow; I won't die here." And he carried out eloquent eulogist gave to his subject. The simplest and most unique of charac ters is painted by the master-hand with a few touches of simplest elegance. No single trait in that rare combination escaped him, and he touched upon each. not only to describe, but almost t adorn it with his description. Thus, speaking of the directness and singleness of his mind, we are told that excellence as dignified and adorned the

ne "never turned out of his way fo

figures of speech or rhetorical adornment. He clearly stated, in a transparent style and in vigorous words, what he clearly saw, and with that was content. He made no claim to classical taste or acquirement, or to any superior literary excellence. \* stream of his thought never leitered on its way to make eddies, bu rushed directly to its end." One has only to read his published opinions to understand this. Indeed, when hi lover-like devotion to the law and hi early disadvantages are remembered, i is not difficult to credit the statement that it is probable that he never read but one novel in his life; and that having been over-persuaded by a bro ther judge to read "Ivanhoe," he took it under a sense of duty and finished it at a single sitting, reading the who night through. It is safe to say that he did not follow the varying fortunes of the hero and the Templar with half the interest with which he would have watched a civil contest between John Doe and Richard Roe, as disclosed in the "record." In the same way we can easily imagine what those who witfamiliar and laughable incident which occurred in the argument of the case of Zetelle vs. Myers (19 Gratt., 62), when one of the counsel, a gentleman of literary tastes and accomplishments, opening his speech with the words : it please the Court, my client, Spiro telle, comes from one of tho Isles of Greece, where burning Sapplic loved and sung, ' ' the venerable presi-dent, who had then become slightly deaf, leaned forward with his hand to his ear and said with the utmost earnestness : "Will you please repeat that, sir? did not catch your proposition; will you please repeat?" Nor do we need not repeat his proposition, and that the Judge did not catch it until it was communicated to him later in the conference-room.

story, less familiar but equally as authentic, of his embarrassing reply to the young man, who, being thrown some common subject of conversation asked if he had read " Helen's Babies. Straightening himself up as was hi wont when he thought a law topic was afoot, he replied in his quick, nervous way, "Helen's Babies! Helen's Babies! No, sir, I have not read it. Is that a

new work on Infancy?"

The statement of his eulogist that be made no claim to classical taste or acquirement " is probably a little less than the truth. While it is certain that his written opinions will be searched in vain for "any such finery." yet those who most frequently heard his oral dissenting opiions speak of them as models of simple eloquence. But he cared except that which pertained to his profession. "The full stream of his thought" flowed almost exclusively in law channels. Thus, when asked in the conference-room by one of his LARGEST AND BEST-SELECTED STOCK the conference-room by one of his brother judges what he thought of the Beecher-Tilton case, then in progress, he promptly replied : " Beecher agains Why, I have not seen the record, Judge. Has such a case been argued before us? I do not remember

But Judge Ould rightly stated his most distinguishing characteristics to be his simplicity and his kindness of heart. " No soul was more genial than his, no one's laughter more hearty, no man's sympathies more quickly kin-dled." Of his simplicity, "it might be called massive." And it be called massive. \* \* And it was made more noble and beautiful by reason of his unconsciousness of the fact. \* It attended him like his shadow-nay, more so, for that follows, while the grace to which I have referred sat upon him like a glory."
In fact, without exaggeration, his character may be epitomized in Tennyson's lines, not more applicable to the "Great Duke" himself:

"Rich in saving common sense,
And as the greatest only are,
In his simplicity sublime."
Take, for example, the story of how

he once examined an applicant for admission to the bar. Not long after the war there came to him an ex-Confederate soldier, with an empty sleeve, who represented that he had been appointed a constable in his county, and, finding it hard to keep the wolf away, had conceived the idea of getting a license to practice law, thinking to make some petty fees before the magistrates' courts. No stronger appeal than this could be made to Judge Moncure. One can almost hear his hearty "Come in, my friend, come in; I will examine you. then, the story goes, a long examination followed, covering almost every branch of the law, but consisting entirely of questions by the Judge, since the aspirant could not answer a single one of them. At last, in despair, the old man said: "My friend, is there anything you do know? If there is, and you will tell me what it is, I will ask you that question, and sign your license.

Similar, but more extravagant, even to the verge of the burlesque, is the story of his consideration for so com-

mon but useful a creature as a sitting

had been failing, and

prostrated by a sudden

he was convinced that he should

not live to return home. He commu-

nicated this belief to his devoted wife,

and requested that he should be buried

to depict the trouble and inconvenience

n voice and eye and said: "Then,

The list might be extended almost

definitely. At a meeting of the bench

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